

## KEEP WARM. FLANNELS.

Gray mix Flannels, 10c  
Red, all wool Fannel, twilled, 20c  
Domet, white, 10c  
Mix red Flannel, 15c  
Chick Flannel, 12 1-2c  
Gray Blankets, 80c  
White Blankets, 95c  
10-4 all wool white bl'nk'ts, 400c  
10-4 all wool red Blankets, 4 1-2 lbs., 300c  
Horse Blankets, 65c  
Good cotton Flannel for 6c  
Brown Sheetting from 5 to 10c  
Bleached Sheetting from 5 to 10c  
Ladies' Union Vests, 20c  
Ladies' all wool red vests, 45c  
Men's all wool red Shirts, 60c  
Men's gray Shirts, 15c  
Bed Comforts, 65c  
All other Goods at proportionately Low Prices.

## A. LYNCH.

LIVERY AND FEED STABLE  
AND HACK LINE.

150. TELEPHONE. 150.

## PETER EGAN

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Ottawa and vicinity that he has one of the choicest horse stocks in the city, at the City Stables, such as:  
The Latest Styles of Hacks, Carriages and Buggies,  
To let at prices to suit the times. Parties, Weddings, Funerals, Picnics, etc., supplied with good Hacks on short notice. Funerals in the country or adjoining towns promptly attended to. Persons taken to or from the depot, or to the country, night or day.  
Remember the place—on Madison street, east of Clark, one block west of new court house.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9, 1886. PETER EGAN.

### Ottawa Market.

FLOUR AND FEED.	
Victor Mills—Silver Cloud, patent, cwt.	\$3.20
Hungarian, cwt.	2.40
Crittenden, cwt.	2.40
Buckhead, per 25 lbs.	.19
Foreign Flour.	
Patent, cwt.	3.25
Kansas Winter, cwt.	2.25
Minnesota Spring Wheat, retail	2.60
GRAIN AND SEED.	
Barley, cwt.	85.00
Shorts, cwt.	1.00
Corn Meal, retail	1.30
Corn and Oats, ground	1.30
LIVE STOCK.	
Wheat, bush	75.00
Rye, bush	55.00
Corn, new, shelled, bush	30.00
Corn, new, ear, bush	25.00
Oats, old, bush	20.00
Oats, new, bush	25.00
Timothy Seed, bush	1.50
PRODUCE.	
Potatoes, bush	50.00
Butter, lb.	18.00
Eggs, doz.	2.00
Chickens, dressed, lb.	10.00
Ducks, lb.	8.00
Geese, lb.	10.00
Hay, 100 lbs.	1.00
LIVE STOCK.	
Cattle, four, cwt.	3.00
Cattle, two, cwt.	3.50
Fat calves, live weight, 100 lbs.	4.25
Sheep, 100 lbs.	3.00
Lamb, 100 lbs.	3.00
Live Hogs, 100 lbs.	3.40
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	3.40
TALLOW, HIDES AND SALT.	
Lard, lb.	5.00
Tallow, in cask, per lb.	4.00
Salt, per bush	1.00
Hides, green, per lb.	1.00
Hides, cured, per lb.	1.00
Deer, lb.	1.00
Elk, lb.	1.00
Wet Salt	1.00

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**  
We are authorized to announce that Mr. AL THOMAS will be a candidate for office of Highway Commissioner of the Town of Ottawa at the ensuing town election.  
We are authorized to announce that Mr. JOHN HALL will be a candidate for Town Collector at the ensuing town election.

### GOLD-MEDAL

Is the Best.  
H. A. Butler has received another can of "Gold Medal" flour from Minneapolis, the very BEST flour that comes to this market. Try one sack and you will use no other. He has 25,000 pounds of this celebrated flour.

The annual meeting of the La Salle County Bible Society will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday evening. Addresses by the pastors of the Congregational, Presbyterian and Methodist churches. All are cordially invited.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a Japanese and Chinese entertainment in their church parlors, Friday evening of next week. It will be something unique and entertaining, as there will be present two gentlemen from the Celestial Kingdom whose business it will be to make the evening a pleasure to all who will come.

La Salle County Pomona Grange will meet in Ottawa, March 4th and 5th. Leaders in discussions, Messrs. C. G. Ralph, G. A. Bosworth, W. Pool and B. F. Bowman. Reading, Mrs. J. Shaver and Mrs. D. S. Sampson. Essay, Mrs. D. C. Barnes and Mrs. Clark.  
E. HOWLAND, Master.  
E. J. Mudge, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Titzell request the FREE TRADER to return their sincere thanks to the many good and kind friends and neighbors who proffered their help and sympathy in the recent sad death of their son. The consolation of knowing that their good neighbors felt for them in their affliction greatly softened the pain and sorrow that wrung with anguish a father's and mother's heart.

### Winter Exit—Spring Enter.

The great winter sale at H. J. GILLEN'S closes within a few days, when most of the goods will have been sold. The lots yet on hand will be rare bargains to those who secure them. It is certain the many who have purchased have saved a great deal of money, and there is still good opportunities there. A few extra bargains yet in Cloaks.

The Silk stock still continues to be the marvel of the town. That such prices on such quality of silks have never been known here before is the universal comment.

Spring goods are arriving daily, and the stock promises to keep the reputation of the house up to its high water mark.

Those embroideries are superb and very cheap for that class of goods.

All departments show new goods and are making special prices on woolen goods yet on hand.

Please call and examine.

Now is the time, and the "Domestic" is the sewing machine to buy at F. D. Sweetser & Co.'s. Sold on payments.

### A Bullet in His Brain.

On Sunday afternoon the dead body of William Titzell, Jr., was found by his father in an unoccupied house on his farm, in Fall River township. The body was discovered in a recumbent posture inside the building, and a further examination revealed the fact that the man was dead. In his lap lay a .32 calibre revolver, one chamber of which had been discharged, the bullet entering the side of the head a little above and in front of the right ear. Near by the corpse was discovered a note on which were pencilled the command: "All I have to say is to have Bill Milligan shot as soon as possible. Good bye."

From the testimony of Deputy Sheriff Will Milligan, before the coroner's jury on Monday, it appeared that he had had some trouble with deceased, who was employed as turnkey at the county jail. Titzell was asked by Miss Belle Milligan to clean the front steps, which he refused, saying that it was some of the old woman's work, referring to Mrs. Milligan. Afterwards a domestic employed at the county jail by order of that lady told him to wash the kitchen windows on the outside, and Titzell told the hired girl he would see Mrs. Milligan in hell first, and then she could tell her so and be damned. When a deputy sheriff was informed a few hours later of this occurrence he immediately sought out Titzell, whom he found in the cellar, and asked him if he had made use of the expressions in regard to his mother above referred to. The turnkey answered that he had, when Milligan promptly struck and knocked him down. After having lain a few moments on the ground Milligan told him to get up and leave the premises. Titzell asked for time until, as he said, he could recover his senses.

Albert Rath, who was a witness to the affair in the cellar, corroborated Milligan's testimony, and stated that the deceased seemed in a dazed condition when he left the jail shortly after, which was about 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon of last week.

William Titzell, the father of the young man, testified to the finding of the body, and said that his son was of a very sensitive disposition, and that he had not to his knowledge ever exhibited symptoms of insanity. The testimony of John Smith and Frank, a brother of the deceased, was of minor importance.

Monday afternoon the jury returned a verdict that William Titzell, Jr., "came to his death by shooting with his own hand, either on the 12th or 13th of February A. D. 1886, while laboring under a temporary fit of mental aberration."

The suicide was the all-absorbing topic of discussion on the streets Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday noon was the time set for the funeral, which was a very large one. A great deal of sympathetic indignation was freely vented by neighbors of Titzell as to the manner of his son's death, and they demanded that a more searching examination of the facts in the case be made. The deputy sheriff's connection in the matter was fully criticised and canvassed pro and con. Though Mr. Milligan admitted that he was somewhat hasty and regretted the circumstances which prefaced the tragedy, still there were vigorous demands for more light to be thrown on the case. Accordingly, shortly before the funeral ceremonies took place, Dr. Ralph B. Dyer went out to Mr. Titzell's and held an autopsy on the remains. The physician found that the bullet wound was through the anterior edge of the right temporal bone, the missile penetrating the brain to the depth of only an inch and a half. This is accounted for by the fact that the pistol was held closely pressed against the flesh, a large quantity of powder being found under the skin. On a thorough examination by the above physician he found unmistakable evidences of a chronic inflammation of the brain, which he had intimated removed for inspection.

After leaving the jail Friday afternoon Titzell was not seen it seems by anyone, until his dead body was discovered as above related.

### Wheeler

Was the first to cut the price of photographs and give the public the benefit of the reduction; and he will continue to make photographs at three dollars per dozen until further notice.

### Died.

Rev. Dr. Julian M. Sturtevant deceased Feb. 11th, less than one month after Mrs. Sturtevant. Mr. Sturtevant was born in Connecticut, July 1805. At an early age his parents removed to Ohio, and had log cabin experiences. After graduating at the college, he with a few other young men came to Illinois and laid the foundation of Illinois College at Jacksonville in 1829. Dr. Edward Beecher served as its president fourteen years. Since then Mr. Sturtevant has presided there until within a few years, when he voluntarily relinquished its presidency, though continuing his place of instruction. He has done a great work as scholar, as minister, as a man; was widely known, honored, loved, revered.

Thursday afternoon the funeral of John Harmon, sr., aged 80, occurred from the residence of Joseph Aubrey, 610 West Jackson street. The body was brought here from Strawn, Livingston county, where deceased had been lately making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Archie McMullen. John Harmon was for many years a resident of Walham township, being one of the old settlers of that vicinity and was the father of Joseph, Annie and John Harmon.

Tuesday, Mayor Allen received a telegram from Hastings, Neb., conveying the sad intelligence that Durely Bent died that day. About five years ago he left this city where he had for the two years previous been studying law in the office of E. P. Bull. He was admitted to the bar in '79. He was engaged in the real estate and loan business at Hastings, was about 30 years of age, and leaves a young wife and two little children to deplore his sudden taking away by typhoid fever. About three weeks ago he stopped off in this city for a few hours on his way to Washington, D. C. The funeral took place Wednesday.

The biggest and best stock and lowest prices on farm tools, at F. D. Sweetser & Co's.

Judge Dibble, of Morris, was 42 years old on Thursday.

For broadcast seeders call on J. E. Porter.

The Presbyterians will worship at the Methodist church to-morrow evening and take part in a union service in behalf of the Bible Society.

### "Mikado."

On Thursday evening, Feb. 20th, all lovers of comic opera will enjoy a treat, as the opera house management have succeeded in securing, for the above date, Gilbert & Sullivan's latest and most successful comic opera in two acts, entitled "The Mikado," or "Town of Titipu," interpreted by the only Juvenile Mikado Co. in the world. The company is the largest and most complete ever organized, and embraces in the cast and chorons over fifty children's voices, and carry all the magnificent Japanese costumes and properties for the opera. The prices of admission will be 50 and 75 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale Monday morning at 6 o'clock for 75 cents each.

### Cheapt! Cheapt!

Mrs. Henrich's millinery stock, which is offered at assignee's sale is being sold way down. Only a few more days for bargains.

As will be seen by our report below there has been a big boom in matrimonial circles this week. Tuesday was a red-letter day for licensees since the beginning of the year, Deputy County Clerk McKeon issuing eleven marriage licenses on that day. It was a sort of harvest for the little god Cupid, who is now industriously at work urging a union of hearts ere Lent sets in.

### MARRIAGES.

The following have recently been granted licenses to marry:

Christopher C Harber and Rebecca J Ma Key.

William E Culver and Hattie P Foley.

Patrick Heaton and Mary Farley.

Nicholas Friederick and Anna Truckenbrod.

Clyde Warner and Maggie May Duft.

Geo P Bliss and Birdie Taylor.

David J McCann and Elizabeth A Geal.

James McLean and Bridget Haughtigan.

Thos B Strosser and Clara Wiseman.

George W Sweet and Lanie C Hodgkinson.

John Perra and Leontina Synibek.

Lawrence Ruda and Mrs Eva Lenska.

Thomas Fox and Mary L Dunn.

Patrick J McManus and Maggie Ann Thompson.

Christ Reddick and Valeria A Redman.

### Gone to the Wall Again.

Saturday the great manufacturing firm of H. A. Pitt's Sons, of Marseilles, made an assignment to S. W. Reger, of this city. The company failed three years ago, but by the issuance of bonds to their creditors and giving their trust deed they were enabled to resume business. The entire indebtedness of a quarter of a million dollars they contracted to pay in three equal installments. The first two installments of \$4,000 each had been paid and the last became due the first of this year, which they were unable to pay. The day previous to the assignment the Commercial National Bank of Chicago obtained a judgment against the firm in the Circuit Court here for \$2,500, and an execution was immediately issued. This caused the assignment, but before doing so the company confessed judgment in favor of their employees. Nearly all the heavy creditors are non-residents of this country, and this, together with the fact that it will take some days yet ere a schedule of assets and liabilities can be made out, gives but very little reliable data as far as figures are concerned. In conversation with a prominent citizen of Marseilles recently the FREE TRADER was informed that the liabilities in round numbers would foot up \$150,000. The firm were the manufacturers of the celebrated Pitt's Sons Threshing Machines, and it is said the company will be able to effect a settlement with their creditors and resume business shortly.

In a brief conversation with Mr. Bull, one of the firm's attorneys, concerning the failure some further facts were elicited. At the beginning of June '83 the firm owed in round numbers \$200,000, of which that gentleman states \$100,000 are still due; of this latter amount \$40,000 are now secured. All of the creditors had agreed to an extension of time for payment of the firm's obligations. The Commercial National Bank got hold of some of the firm's paper to the amount of \$2,500, and would not extend the time when the notes fell due, and the firm deemed it advisable to make an assignment and permit all their creditors to share and share alike. Mr. Bull says that the Messrs. Pitts were working harmoniously to pay off the indebtedness and would have succeeded had they secured a reasonable extension from the bank. They had lived plainly and only drawing enough money from the business to pay for the barest necessities of life, and in their efforts to regain a financial footing were ably seconded by their employees, who numbered 200, and who also worked faithfully and industriously for their employers.

### WE OPEN

### TO-DAY

### A NEW STOCK

Of silks, satins and colored mervilleux.  
White goods,  
Some novelties in ribbons,  
New hosiery,  
New black goods,  
Lots of new dress goods.  
It's early, but if you want novelties come early. Respectfully,  
W. H. Hill & Co.

A census of the Ottawa public schools has just been completed by Supt. Thorpe, which shows that there are 1,300 pupils in attendance in the schools of the city.

### Cheaper than Ever.

I have to close out the entire stock of boots and shoes owned by Thomas Spencer. Good children's shoes, new stock of ladies' and misses' fine shoes, and boys' shoes, cheaper than ever before offered. A few more pairs of boys' boots at one-half what they cost. Remember, I must close in a few days.  
Geo. J. Grossiers, Assignee.

### Ladies' Friend

Is, as its name implies, a friend of the ladies and is by long odds the best, cheapest and most durable carpet sweeper known. Warranted satisfactory or money refunded. Manufactured for and sold by F. A. KENDALL.

### R. H. Trask's

Is headquarters for fine spectacles. Eyes carefully tested and fitted by Johnson's patent dioptric eye meter. No extra charge for examination of eyes.

Saturday there died at the county asylum an old veteran, Elijah Barrows, in the 95th year of his age. He was no doubt the only surviving soldier of the war of 1812 in this region, and had been for many years a resident of this county, being at one time in very wealthy circumstances at Sheridan. The body of this old soldier was conveyed to Millington for interment.

A fresh stock of those \$1.90 pebble goat button shoes just received at J. Megaffin's.

All makes of sewing machines repaired at F. D. Sweetser & Co's. All work warranted. Machines called for and returned.

### What \$1 Buys.

20 lbs dried peaches for \$1.  
20 lbs prunes for \$1.  
20 lbs rice (not broken) for \$1.  
8 3 lb cans table peaches for \$1.  
10 3 lb cans tomatoes for \$1.  
10 3 lb cans pie peaches for \$1.  
8 lbs dried blackberries for \$1.  
And everything else in the grocery line cheaper than ever at  
BRUCE BROS.

## GRAND BENEFIT!

25 CENTS ADMISSION!

1 gal. Syrup, 25c	60 Pickles, 25c
10,800 Matches, 25c	48 ozs. Grm Drops, 25c
5 lbs. best 1-2 Peaches, 25c	5 pkgs. Yeast, 25c
5 " new 1-4 Dried Apples, 25c	5 Lamp Chimneys, 25c
5 " " Servia Prunes, 25c	

All for the benefit of the good people of Ottawa and vicinity who buy their goods of

W. C. RIALE & CO.

## GREAT SACRIFICE SALE.

THE OLD AND RELIABLE CLOTHING HOUSE OF

## WM. TRABING,

Hereby announce to the Public Generally that ON AND AFTER THIS DATE our entire Stock of Ready Made

## MEN'S, YOUTHS' AND BOYS' CLOTHING

Will be sold at Prices to suit Purchasers FOR CASH, as they MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT ONCE, as the firm has resolved

TO GO OUT OF THE READY MADE CLOTHING BUSINESS.

This Stock is not Shelfworn or Shoddy Goods, but of the

## BEST QUALITY AND FULLY WARRANTED

To be as represented or Money Refunded. THIS IS NO ADVERTISING DODGE so often resorted to to clean out old stock but a BONA FIDE SALE at which the Goods must and will be disposed of.

This sale is made imperative that the firm can pay its entire attention to the Merchant Tailoring Department.

WM. TRABING.

## HOME

## FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF NEW YORK.

## 164th Semi-Annual Statement.

CASH CAPITAL,	\$3,000,000.00
Reserve for Re-Ins. and other Liabilities	3,229,255.48
Net Surplus,	1,030,802.84
Total Assets, Jan. 1, 1885,	7,260,058.32

Losses Paid at Ottawa Agency, \$11,931.99.

Losses Paid at the Great Fire in Chicago, \$3,155,116.12.

Losses Paid Since Organization:

\$36,932,861.41.

GEO. W. RAVENS, Agt. - S. E. Cor. P. O. block.

### Lon Flegue

Sets the best table in the city for the money. He gets up an excellent dinner for business men and others for 25 cents. He can give you a good meal at any time of the day and until 12 at night. Bulk oysters, oranges, lemons and candies also on hand. Bottled beer for family use. McGuinness's Porter and McEwan's Edinburgh Sparkling Cream Ale for sale.

The annual masquerade of the Ottawa Turnverein Society took place at their hall Monday night, and was a great social and financial success as usual. The galleries were crowded with spectators and the dancing floor of the hall was well filled with the maskers. The proceedings opened with the arrival of the immigrants at Castle Garden, followed by the grand march, in which all took part, the procession being led by Mr. Chas. Henrich, sr., and Miss Cora Henrich, as the Prince and Princess of Germany, the latter having one of the handsomest and richest costumes of the evening. The first prize, \$5, was awarded the colony of immigrants just landed, which consisted of Mrs. Witte, Mrs. Gleim, Wm. Duncan and son, Miss Sophia Dreifuss, Mrs. George Fischer, Miss Minnie Gleim, Mrs. Metzger, Miss Adie Keim, Adam Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Nadler, Fred Ackerman, Jacob Black, Herman Keim, Miss Hattie Dreifuss, Miss Nellie Denhardt, Mrs. Vette, Mrs. Berg, Miss Louise Schaeffer and Miss Nellie Haas. There were very many elegant as well as novel costumes. The committee on prizes—W. S. Wheeler, S. S. Willis and E. A. Perry—awarded the first prize of \$3 for the best character costume to the Gypsy Queen, Miss Clara Gagel, and the second prize of \$2 to the Russian Princess, Miss Annie Flester.

J. E. Porter sells the best Broadcast Seed in America for twenty dollars.

Fowler & Warrington's "Skipped by the Light of the Moon" was one of the best comedy shows Ottawa people witnessed here in several years, and the audience should have been larger.

Buy a pair of prime pebble goat button shoes at J. Megaffin's.

Coroner Cledenin, of La Salle, was called to Streator Thursday to hold an inquest on the body of John Hall, twelve years of age, who died that day from injuries, it is alleged, received at the hands of a comrade, Wilford Cook, who beat him some two months ago. At the post mortem there was found an abrasion on the back of the cranium and an abscess near the liver, which had broken and discharged itself into the abdominal regions. The physicians thought this was sufficient to produce death. The boy had been under doctors' care since receiving his injuries. Young Cook has not been arrested, the jury returning a verdict of death by disease.

Why Is It  
That A. E. Lovejoy & Co. are selling so much hard coal? It is because they have got the best that ever was sold in Ottawa. They also handle the very best of soft, lump and washed nut coal. All orders left with them will receive prompt delivery. Telephone 96.

A special meeting of the council convened on Friday night of last week to take action on the matter of the revocation of Jerry Canty's saloon license. A petition had been circulated asking the mayor to restore Canty's license, but the mayor refused to act alone in the matter and a special session of the council was called to settle the question. There were present all members except A. D. Thomas. When the question came up for a vote those present voted against restoring the license, except Aids, White and Maher who voted aye.

Seeds of all kinds, in any quantity, at F. D. Sweetser & Co's.

Ottawa and Streator billiardists are liable to meet in a tournament for championship honors soon. Why not include La Salle and Mendota and get up a No. 1 billiard entertainment here? There is material enough in the four cities for such a tournament.